



About the Data – Alaska Performance Scholarship 2011-2012 Academic Year Statistics

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Data Updates

Statistics will be updated in Spring 2012. Class of 2011 high school graduates may submit evidence of eligibility, as well as 2011-2012 Free Applications for Federal Student Aid (FAFSAs) through an extended December 15, 2011 deadline. In addition, eligible APS applicants who did not have Fall 2011 qualifying postsecondary enrollment may enroll in the Spring 2012 semester.

Data Sources

The Alaska Department of Education & Early Development (EED) collects socioeconomic and demographic student data provided by the state's 54 public school districts, as well as data provided on eligibility determination requests by individual students graduating from non-public schools.

Please contact Eric Fry, Information Officer, at (907) 465-2851 or eric.fry@alaska.gov with questions or for additional information on EED data.

Income and asset information on students (and their parents or guardians, if they are dependent students) is collected on the FAFSA from students applying for financial aid. This data is received by the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education (ACPE).

Attendance and program of study information is provided to ACPE by the postsecondary institutions that students attend.

Please contact ACPE's Executive Office at (907) 465-6740 or customer.service@alaska.gov with questions or for additional information on ACPE data.

Definitions

Eligible – An eligible student has been determined to have met the high school academic eligibility requirements (Alaska high school diploma; specified curriculum; GPA; and SAT, ACT and/or WorkKeys test score).

Accepting – A student accepting an award is an eligible student who applied (filed a FAFSA) and enrolled in a qualifying program at a participating postsecondary institution.

Ethnicity – For APS reporting, ethnicity is based on information provided by the school districts to EED. For more information on ethnicity categorization, see Appendix B of the Summer OASIS 2011 Student Level Handbook for Schools and Districts available at <http://www.eed.state.ak.us/forms/oasis/05-11-061.pdf>.

Quartile - A quartile is one-fourth of a population which is displayed in groups of equal size based on a certain variable (e.g., family income, assessment scores, etc.).

Non-public schools – Non-public schools include private schools, such as religious schools, and private homeschool programs which are not part of a state home-based education program.